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SUBJECT: ANGOLA REFUGEES ICRC

SECSTATE FOR AID FOREIGN DISASTER RELIEF COORDINATOR

FOLLOWING MESSAGE IS FROM BEACHAMP IN NOVA LISBOA:

1. QUOTE: U.S. TEAM AT NOVA LISBOA MET WITH LEDRIC NEUKOMM, ICRC DELEGATE IN ANGOLA, WHO IS ONE OF ICRC'S BEST AND WELL KNOWN TO BEAUCHAMP. NEUKOMM IS SEEKING EVERY AVENUE FOR ESTABLISHING VIABLE PROGRAM HERE WHICH WILL INCLUDE RELIEF FOR ANGOLANS DISRUPTED AND DEPRIVED BY THE WAR. HE IS CAPITALIZING ON ICRC'S PAST HISTORY IN ANGOLA WHICH INVOLVED VISITS TO MANY PRESENT LEADERS WHEN THEY THEMSELVES WERE PRISONERS OF PORTUGESE. STILL THE DETAILS OF ARRANGING EXCHANGE OF PRISONERS IS LABORIOUS. MEDICAL TEAMS ARE CONTINUING WORK, BUT NEUKOMM SEES PRESENT MILITARY UNCERTAINTIES AS TOO RISKY TO PERMIT WIDE EXPANSION OF MEDICAL PROGRAM IN VIEW OF HIS LIMITED CAPABILITY TO PROTECT OR EVACUATE TEAMS IF COMBAT THREATENS. HE IS MOVING SLOWLY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AND STEADILY TO BUILD A BASE ON WHICH EFFECTIVE EXPANSION CAN BE

BUILT RAPIDLY WHEN SITUATION PERMITS - A PERIOD, HE ESTIMATES, OF TWO TO THREE MONTHS FROM NOW. NEUKOMM FULLY SHARES OUR DESIRE FOR A WORKABLE BALANCED PROGRAM THAT INVOLVES PRISONER EXCHANGE MEDICAL AND FOOD RELIEF.

2. COMMENT: WE BELIEVE NEUKOMM RESTRAINT IS ONLY FEASIBLE PRODUCTIVE COURSE OF ACTION FOR ICRC NOW, AND PRESENT RESTRAINT SHOULD BE VIEWED AS SENSIBLE RATHER THAN OVERLY CAUTIOUS. UNQUOTE KILLORAN

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